IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: KATO et al.

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For: FREEZE-DRIED PREPARATION CONTAINING METHYLCOBALAMIN AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME Confirmation No.: 4524

Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Craig RICCI

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 And

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office action mailed July 22, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendment and reply. It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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